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AFDROUGHT

ROME FOR FODAG; PARIS FOR HELMAN; BRUSSELS FOR MARTIN

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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF GRAIN COTONOU-GAO

REF: STATE 132404

1. OCDN REPORTS 202 MT OF SORGHUM HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO GAO IN TWO LOTS LEAVING PARAKOU JUNE 4 AND 10. HAVE ENCOURAGED OCDN AND SACOTRA CONTINUE SHIPMENTS. PROBLEM NOW IS FINDING TRUCKS IN PARAKOU TO FORWARD REMAINING 297 MT FROM INITIAL AUTHORIZATION. PARA (2) OF REFTEL INDICATES AID/W AGREEABLE TO FURTHER SHIPMENTS. BUT, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT NIGERIEN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO MORE THAN 500 MT BEING DIVERTED FROM STOCKS DESTINED FOR NIGER. REQUEST THIS QUESTION UNCLASSIFIED

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BE CLARIFIED BY EMBASSY/ADO NIAMEY.

2. DIRECT TRUCK SHIPMENTS FROM COTONOU RESTRICTED
BY POSTED CAPACITY OF TWO BRIDGES ON COTONOU-PARAKOU
ROAD LIMITED TO 11.5 TONS GROSS WEIGHT. OBVIOUSLY, THIS
PRECLUDES DIRECT SHIPMENT BY REASONABLY LARGE
TRUCKS. IN ANY CASE, HARD TO SEE HOW THIS WOULD AFFECT
MOVEMENT SINCE PROBLEM IS AVAILABILITY OF TRUCKS AT
PARAKOU. ASSUME TRUCKS, IF THEY COULD BE FOUND FOR
COTONOU LOADING, WOULD BE EQUALLY AVAILABLE TO BE LOADED
IN PARAKOU. AGAIN, LOCUS OF TRUCK PROBLEM IS IN NIGER.
UNLESS GON CONTINUES PRESS TRUCKERS TO COME TO PARAKOU,
SHIPMENTS INTO INTERIOR WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIMITED.
AT PRESENT THERE ARE SOME 70 LOADED RAILWAY WAGONS
BLOCKED IN PARAKOU AWAITING ARRIVAL OF TRUCKS.
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